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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A method of requesting a resource having a URL from a web server, comprising:
 - a web client receiving input from a user defining the URL;
 - in response to receiving the user input, the web client automatically transmitting a first request to a remote computer for a cookie that is valid for the URL; then
 - the web client receiving a first cookie from the remote computer;
 - the web client transmitting both the first cookie and a request for the resource to the web server;
 - the web client receiving the resource and a second cookie from the web server; and
 - in response to receiving the second cookie, the web client transmitting the second cookie to the remote computer for storage.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2~~1~~, wherein the first request transmitting step is performed by transmitting the first request over a network to the remote computer.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the network comprises the INTERNET.

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6. (Currently amended) A computing device, comprising:

means for receiving at the computing device, from a first web client, a first cookie that is valid for a first range of URL's, the first cookie provided to the first web client by a web server from a first web client;

means for receiving at the computing device a first request for a cookie that is valid for a first URL from a second web client different from the first web client; and

means for responding to the first request by transmitting the first cookie from the computing device to the second web client if the first URL is within the first range of URL's, the second web client adapted to transmit the first cookie to the web server, wherein the computing device is different from the first and second web clients and the web server.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The computing device of claim 6, wherein the first cookie receiving means is configured to receive the first cookie from the first web client over a network; and

wherein the first request responding means is configured to transmit the first cookie to the second web client over the network.

9. (Original) The computing device of claim 8, further comprising:

means for receiving a second cookie that is valid for a second range of URL's from the second web client;

means for receiving a second request that defines a second URL from the first web client; and

means for responding to the second request by transmitting the second cookie to the first web client if the second URL is within the second range of URL's.

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10. (Original) The computing device of claim 9, further comprising:
means for further responding to the second request by transmitting the first cookie to the first web client if the second URL is within the first range of URL's.

11. (Original) The computing device of claim 10, wherein the network comprises the INTERNET.

12-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) A system comprising:
a first web client;
a second web client; and
a computer remote from the first web client and the second web client;
wherein the first web client is operable to: receive a first resource and a first cookie from a first web server and configured to automatically respond thereto by processing the first resource and transmitting the first cookie to a remote computer; and receive a URL from a user and is responsive thereto by first transmitting a request to the remote computer for a cookie that is valid for the URL; and

wherein the second web client is operable to receive a second resource and a second cookie from a second web server and configured to automatically respond thereto by processing the second resource and transmitting the second cookie to the remote computer; and

wherein the remote computer is operable to receive the first cookie from the first web client and to then store the first cookie; and

wherein the remote computer is operable to receive the second cookie from the second web client and to then store the second cookie; and

wherein the remote computer is operable to receive the request from the first web client and is responsive thereto by: (a) transmitting the stored first cookie to the first web client if the

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stored first cookie is valid for the URL; and (b) transmitting the stored second cookie to the first web client if the stored second cookie is valid for the URL.

16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

a monitoring device operable to monitor a first device to detect when the device generates a pre-defined signal and to respond thereto by generating a notification that the signal was generated; and

wherein the first web client and the second web client are operable by a user to retrieve the notification.

18. (Original) The system of claim 17, wherein the first device is a printer.

19. (Original) The system of 18, further comprising:

the printer; and

wherein the printer includes a replaceable consumable cartridge; and

wherein the printer is operable to generate the signal when a consumable in the cartridge moves below a pre-determined level.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the printer is a laser printer.

21. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium having programming thereon for performing a method comprising:

a web client receiving input from a user defining the URL;

in response to receiving the user input, the web client automatically transmitting a first request to a remote computer for a cookie that is valid for the URL; then

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the web client receiving a first cookie from the remote computer;
the web client transmitting both the first cookie and a request for the resource to the web server;
the web client receiving the resource and a second cookie from the web server; and
in response to receiving the second cookie, the web client transmitting the second cookie to the remote computer for storage.

22. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having programming thereon for performing a method comprising:

receiving at the computing device, from a first web client, a first cookie that is valid for a first range of URL's, the first cookie provided to the first web client by a web server from a first web client;

receiving at the computing device a first request for a cookie that is valid for a first URL from a second web client; and

responding to the first request by transmitting the first cookie from the computing device to the second web client if the first URL is within the first range of URL's, the second web client adapted to transmit the first cookie to the web server, wherein the computing device is different from the first and second web clients and the web server.

23. (Previously presented) A computer readable medium having programming thereon for:

making a first web client operable to: receive a first resource and a first cookie from a first web server and configured to automatically respond thereto by processing the first resource and transmitting the first cookie to a remote computer; and receive a URL from a user and is responsive thereto by first transmitting a request to the remote computer for a cookie that is valid for the URL; and

making a second web client operable to receive a second resource and a second cookie

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from a second web server and configured to automatically respond thereto by processing the second resource and transmitting the second cookie to the remote computer; and

making a computer remote from the first web client and the second web client operable to: receive the first cookie from the first web client and to then store the first cookie; receive the second cookie from the second web client and to then store the second cookie; and receive the request from the first web client and is responsive thereto by: (a) transmitting the stored first cookie to the first web client if the stored first cookie is valid for the URL; and (b) transmitting the stored second cookie to the first web client if the stored second cookie is valid for the URL.